(c) As per IBM's Indian Minerals Year Book 2001, the proved reserves as on 1.4.1995 are as below:

Mineral	Districts	Proved
Diamond (ct. in '000)	Krishna	5465
Gold	Anantpur	550110 (1.80)
Ore (t)/Metal (t)	Chittoor	3241771 (9.71)

(d) The mineral resource once proved may lead to a mining project for extraction, depending on its economic viability.

FDI proposals in coal and mining sector

1064. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Foreign Direct Investment proposals are under the consideration of the Government in the coal and mining sectors;

(b) if so, what are those proposals;

(c) the State-wise details thereof;

(d) at what stages these projects are pending; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (e) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals under consideration are processed in the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA)/ Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) for obtaining the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB). The FIPB has approved 70 proposals involving approximately Rs. 3963 crores of FDI in the mines and non-ferrous metals sector. These proposals are mostly for exploration, mining and a few for setting up processing plants. The proposals are not made State-wise, but exploration companies have applied for prospecting licences in a number of mineral rich States such as Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. So far,

reconnaissance permits have been given in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Other projects are awaiting clearance from the State Governments or environmental authorities or financial closures on the part of the investors. There are no FDI proposals on the coal side.

Lignite Mining at Neyveli

1065. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of lignite mined at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu each year;

(b) the annual royalty payable to the Government of Tamil Nadu by the Cen[illegible]

(c) the balance of royalty on account of lignite mining due to be paid to Tamil Nadu; and

(d) by when this is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The quantum of lignite mined by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC) at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu for the last three years are as under:

Year	Quantum in Lakh Tonnes
1998-1999	181.68
1999-2000	175.51
2000-2001	181.72

(b) to (d) Royalty is not payable by the Central Government to the State Government under the provision of Mine and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957. It is the Mineral producing companies which pay royalty on the minerals to the concerned State Government under the provisions of aforesaid Act. The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC) which produces lignite in the State of Tamil Nadu has been paying royalty to the State Government